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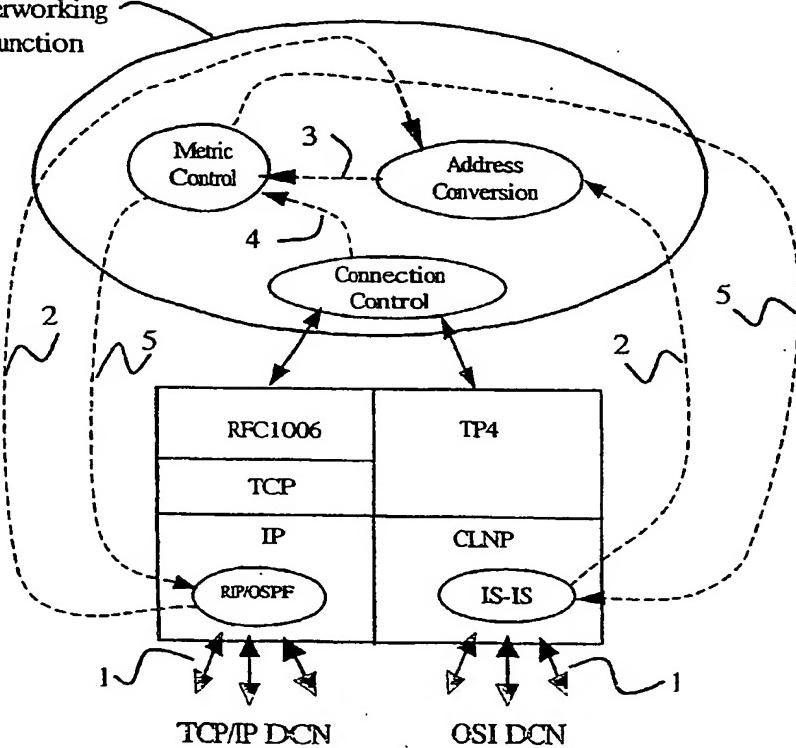
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(54) Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR COMMUNICATING DATA BETWEEN NETWORKS OPERATING UNDER DIFFERENT PROTOCOLS

Transport Service

Bridge

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(57) **Abstract:** A method and communications system comprising networks for the communication of data according to different protocols, each network comprising at least one node. A plurality of communication interfaces provides communication between a first node of a first network and a second node of a second network. Each interface comprises means for sending values to the first node for indicating the availability of communication between that interface and the second node. The first node comprises means for selecting one of the interfaces for communicating data with the second node based on the values it has received from the interfaces.

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